



THE VOICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUSINESS

SB 350 – TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT – EXPANSION OF GEOGRAPHIC AREA

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

SUPPORT

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC"), as the voice of Montgomery County business, **supports Senate Bill 350** which would expand the area from a transit station that can be designated as a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) from ½ mile to 1 mile.

As members of the Montgomery County business community, we are delighted to see progress being made on many important transit oriented projects that will improve employee mobility, improve the health of our economy, and improve the health of our environment. This year, the County Council will move forward on three major projects and plans that have significant transit components in White Flint, Gaithersburg West, and along the route of the Purple Line.

The expansion of the TOD radius will assist in financing some of these projects through development districts and other alternative financing mechanisms. The expansion of the radius will reward the kind of smart growth and development that we would like to promote sustainability and increase mobility.

Therefore, we request a favorable report on SB 350.

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